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concise analysis of all the present-day state constitutions. The arrangement is topical so that at a glance the similar or contrasting provisions in the various states may be seen.

The book is to be highly commended for the emphasis given to the state constitutions. The formal study of constitutional law is often confined entirely to a consideration of the national constitution to the neglect of the local instruments with which the citizens are in much more intimate and frequent contact. Ordinary texts on constitutional law this book will not supersede, but it will prove a great aid to those who seek to obtain a clear idea of the truly dual character of government in the United States.

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Swift, E. J. *Mind in the Making: A Study in Mental Development.* Pp. viii, 329. Price, \$1.25. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1908.

Professor Swift has produced a very interesting book on mental development in the child. The book is wholly inductive and has no particular theory of mental development to offer, although it accepts in the main, the culture-epoch theory. It presents a series of experimental facts which throw much light upon both normal and abnormal mental development in the child.

While written mainly as a basis for constructive pedagogy, and therefore largely from the standpoint of the individual, yet the book contains many things of value to the student of society and to the practical social worker. Of especial value is a chapter on the "Criminal Tendencies of Boys, Their Cause and Function." This is a careful psychological study of the whole matter of juvenile crime. Professor Swift shows conclusively, by inductive evidence, that every normal boy at a certain age has marked criminal tendencies. When the environment is favorable to crime, then those primitive impulses which "carry him on, with almost resistless fury, toward a life of crime" are developed. When, on the other hand, the environment is unfavorable to crime, these impulses are checked and their temporary manifestation becomes but an epoch in normal moral development. "The so-called criminal instincts of children are racial survivals of acts that in past ages fitted their possessors to survive."

The book's chief defect is an evident lack of wide acquaintance on the part of the author with sociological and anthropological literature. This gives rise to many omissions and several slips. For example, Professor Swift apparently endorses the theory that the primitive social state was "a war of all against all." This is not now the view which has the best support in anthropology. Research seems to have established conclusively that the lowest savages, and therefore probably primitive men, are comparatively peaceful. War and cannibalism seem rather to be characteristic of the stage of barbarism than of lower savagery. This more exact statement of the theory, however, accords even better with Professor Swift's "culture-epoch" theory of juvenile criminality; for the more egoistic and criminal

tendencies of children are not found in early childhood, but from twelve to sixteen years of age.

Concerning the many somewhat radical educational theories in the book the writer of this notice does not feel competent to judge; but in general they seem to be in line with modern educational progress.

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Webb, Sidney and Beatrice. *English Local Government.* 2 Vols., Pp. 858.

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The authors of these excellent volumes are well known to the world of scholarship as being two of the most prolific and scholarly of living writers. Some of their literary productions are recognized the world over as the most authoritative treatises of their kind. Heretofore the Webbs have confined their activity mainly to the study of labor and industrial problems, but now they have invaded the field of political science and have brought out three large volumes dealing with the subject of local government in England. For thoroughness of treatment and lucidity of presentation they are surpassed by few English treatises. The first volume of the three which have already appeared was published last year and embodied the results, we are told, of eight years' research into the manuscript records of the parish and the county from 1688 to 1835, all over England and Wales. The two volumes under review deal with the government of the manor and the borough or, roughly speaking, that part of English local government not included in the county and parish administration. It may be called the exceptional part of English local government and is in some respects the most picturesque part. Of the two volumes under review the first deals with the Lord's Court in its various forms—the Court Baron and the Court Leet—which during the period from 1689 to 1835 was in process of gradual decay; the manorial borough; the borough of Westminster; the boroughs of Wales; and the municipal corporation. Of the last volume approximately one-half is given up to a somewhat detailed account of the working constitution and administrative achievements of ten select municipal corporations in different parts of England, among which are included types like the little port of Penzance in Cornwall, the little market of Morpeth in Northumberland, the great ports of Bristol and Liverpool, the lesser ports and fishing havens of Ipswich and Berwick-on-Tweed, ancient industrial centers like Norwich and Coventry and inland towns destined to become great manufacturing centers, such as Leeds and Leicester. More than one-third of the volume is devoted to a study of the City of London which was, of course, the most important of all the English municipalities. The work concludes with a masterful analysis of the conditions which led to the municipal "revolution" of 1835, and the passage of the Municipal Corporations Act. There is a valuable subject index of 81 pages, an index of authors and persons and an index of places. Most of the chapters are accompanied by select bibliographies and every page is supplied